The new block, which will soon be ready, is of improved design. The windows face north and south and the records will be better protected from the heat of morning and evening sun. Better ventilation is provided by exhaust fans and geared windows.

Damaged records are systematically mended. A special section consisting of one mending assistant specially trained at the Imperial Record Office, Calcutta, and a staff of attenders also specially trained, are attending to this work.

The older records are being typed and printed, and this reduces the necessity for handling the old volumes.

(*b*) The question of making better provision for students is under the consideration of Government. They do not think it necessary to appoint a committee for the purpose.

Civil Justice

Levy of special fee for urgent certified copies in civil courts.

* 620 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether Government have taken any steps since October 1927 to enable applicants to obtain certified copies of civil court proceedings within one day by levying a special fee as in the Registration offices?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether the Government have at any time considered this matter?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Yes, Sir. The Government consulted the High Court and the High Court stated that the proposal was both undesirable and impracticable."

Forests

Sale of agricultural implements by the District Forest Officer, Kurnool East.

* 621 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: With reference to the notification of sale of agricultural implements by the District Forest Officer, Kurnool East, at page 46 of the Forest Supplement to the *Kurnool District Gazette*, dated 3rd August 1928, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the contractors who work the coupes mentioned in paragraph 2 of the notification are required by the contract—

(i) to earmark any species or numbers of trees for the manufacture of agricultural implements;

(ii) to maintain a register of sales of agricultural implements;

(iii) to sell these agricultural implements to the ryots of the districts in preference to others; and

(iv) to issue receipts for the amounts they receive for sale of agricultural implements at stated rates?

A.—(i) No.

(ii) No. But a register of permits showing the description of produce sold with the amount realized is maintained by contractors.